

Pawtucket Canal
Lowell, Massachusetts
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-2

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DATE: 1792-96 and 1822-23

LOCATION: Between the Merrimack and Concord Rivers, around Pawtucket Falls

DESIGNED BY: Laommi Baldwin

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals, Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: Originally constructed to facilitate the transporting of goods from inland New England to the sea at Newburyport, the Pawtucket Canal was later used as the basis for the extensive power canal system at Lowell. Researchers are referred to HAER No. MA-1, Lowell Canal System for more extensive information.

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